

What is claimed is:

1. A topical formulation for preventing or treating acne, which comprises extract obtained from at least one oriental medicine selected from the group consisting of *Cavalia gladiata*, *Biota orientalis* and *Coptis chinensis*.

2. The formulation according to claim 1, wherein said extract obtained from said oriental medicine is contained in said topical formulation in an amount of from 0.001 to 20.0 wt%.

3. The formulation according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said formulation comprises extract obtained from two different kinds of oriental medicine, wherein said extract comprises 0.01-10 wt% of *Cavalia gladiata* and 0.01-10 wt% of *Biota orientalis*; 0.01-10 wt% of *Cavalia gladiata* and 0.001-5 wt% of *Coptis chinensis*; or 0.01-10 wt% of *Biota orientalis* and 0.001-5 wt% of *Coptis chinensis*.

4. The formulation according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said formulation comprises extract obtained from three different kinds of oriental medicine, wherein said extract comprises 0.01-10 wt% of *Cavalia gladiata* and 0.01-10 wt% of *Biota orientalis* and 0.001-5 wt% of *Coptis chinensis*.

5. The formulation according to claim 1, wherein preparation of said extract comprises:

(a) powderizing *Cavalia gladiata*, *Biota orientalis* and *Coptis chinensis*, respectively,

(b) heat-extracting said powder in at least one extraction solvent selected

from the group consisting of distilled water, methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, glycerol, propyleneglycol, 1,3-butylene glycol, methyl acetate, ethyl acetate, benzene, hexane, diethyl ether and dichloromethane,

(c)filtering said extract, and

(d)concentrating and freeze drying the resultant under reduced pressure.

6. The formulation according to claim 5, wherein said extract can be prepared by:

powderizing *Cavalia gladiata*, *Biota orientalis* and *Coptis chinensis*, respectively, mixing the powders and extracting the mixed powders;

or

powderizing *Cavalia gladiata*, *Biota orientalis* and *Coptis chinensis*, respectively, extracting each powder and mixing said extracts.

7. The formulation according to claim 1, wherein said formulation is in the form of emulsion, gel, pack, cosmetic liquid or soap for cosmetics, ointments or patches for pharmaceuticals.